

As a licensed radio operator (AG5TX), I am concerned about frequency band allocations and uses. I utilize XM Satellite Radio's Instant Traffic and Weather channels on a routine basis. I choose to pay a subscription so that the choice of what I listen to and when is mine. Local RF stations fail to report weather and traffic instantaneously, and for that matter continuously. RF stations cannot achieve this due to their enormous amounts of revenue generation accomplished by commercial advertisements during peak traffic times. These advertisements often convolute the reports and often cause confusion with the reports themselves. Therefore, I urge the FCC to preserve my right to free listening choice by rejecting NAB's petition 04-160.

Respectfully,
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